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SUBJECT: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: USSOUTHCOM COOPERATION
PLAN FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM DOD FOR "REVIEW AND
CONCURRENCE" USSOUTHCOM COOPERATION PLAN FOR PANAMA CANAL
TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. WE ARE ADVISED THAT PLAN HAS
ALREADY BEEN CONCURRED IN BY THE JCS.

2. OUR REVIEW IS THUS FAR INCOMPLETE. WE WOULD MAKE,
HOWEVER, THREE COMMENTS:

A. THE DEGREE AND LEVEL OF EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN JOINT
COMMITTEE ACTIVITY APPEARS LESS THAN WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE,
PARTICULARLY WHEN COMPARED TO EMBASSY/MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS
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IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

B. EMBASSY'S ONLY INVOLVEMENT IN JOINT COMMITTEE IS TO
PROVIDE "ADVISOR TO EXECUTIVE PANEL OF US ELEMENT" WHO
WOULD "ASSIST THE SECRETARIAT (OF THE US ELEMENT) AND TAKE
PART IN APPROPRIATE JOINT COMMITTEE FORUMS".

C. PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS WITH
PANAMANIAN COUNTERPARTS DO NOT MAKE CLEAR WHAT ROLE,
IF ANY, IS TO BE PLAYED BY EMBASSY OR WASHINGTON.

3. WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY HAS COPY OF PLAN. REQUEST
EMBASSY VIEWS ON PLAN BY SEPTEMBER 5 FOR INCORPORATION
INTO OUR RESPONSE TO DOD. CHRISTOPHER

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